AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing Of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) [[An]] The image sensing apparatus according to claim 42, wherein ~~comprising:~~

~~an image sensor that performs image sensing in response to an inputted image sensing instruction;~~

~~a recording medium that stores a sensed image; and~~

[[a]] said controller [[that]] controls to ~~record on said recording medium~~ erase the sensed image in ~~a first format instead of a~~ the second format recorded on said recording medium in response to the designation of the format change instruction ~~, different from the first format, which is designated in advance~~ when [[a]] the format change instruction is designated by [[a]] the user within [[a]] the predetermined period after sensing the image.

2. (Currently Amended) The image sensing apparatus according to claim [[1]] 42, wherein the first format is a lossless compression format and the second format is a lossy compression format.

3. (Currently Amended) The image sensing apparatus according to claim [[1]] 42 further comprising a memory that stores a sensed image in the first format at least until the format change instruction is designated.

4. (Original) The image sensing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said controller controls the latest image data of the first format stored in said memory to be recorded onto said recording medium in response to the format change instruction.

5. (Currently Amended) The image sensing apparatus according to claim [[1]] 42, wherein said controller rejects the format change instruction while an image sensing operation is in progress in response to the image sensing instruction.

6. (Currently Amended) The image sensing apparatus according to claim [[1]] 42, wherein said controller displays on a display unit at least one operation status of "Start recording", "Recording", and "Recorded" when recording the sensed image of the first format onto said recording medium.

7. (Currently Amended) The image sensing apparatus according to claim [[1]] 42, wherein said controller controls at least one of information indicating whether or not there is any sensed image of the first format which has not been recorded onto said recording medium and information indicating whether or not each sensed image of the first format has been recorded onto said recording medium, and updates the information when a sensed image of the first format is recorded onto said recording medium in response to the format change instruction.

8. (Original) The image sensing apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said controller determines whether or not there is any sensed image of the first format recordable onto said

recording medium based on the information when the format change instruction is inputted, and prevents a sensed image of the first format from being recorded onto said recording medium when it is determined that there is no recordable sensed image of the first format.

9. (Original) The image sensing apparatus according to claim 8 further comprising a notification unit, wherein said controller controls the information to be notified by said notification unit when preventing recording onto said recording medium.

10. (Currently Amended) The image sensing apparatus according to claim [[1]] 42, wherein said controller rejects the format change instruction in a case where the second format is a lossless compression format.

11. (Currently Amended) The image sensing apparatus according to claim [[1]] 42, wherein, when at least one of a level drop of a power source supplying power to the image sensing apparatus and an operation error in the image sensing apparatus is detected, the format change instruction is automatically issued.

12. (Currently Amended) The image sensing apparatus according to claim [[1]] 42, wherein a sensed image is recorded in the second format on said recording medium until at least the format change instruction is issued.

13. (Original) The image sensing apparatus according to claim 12, wherein, after the format change instruction is issued, the sensed image of the second format is erased from said recording medium.

14. (Original) The image sensing apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said controller controls, when additional data is added to the sensed image of the second format to be erased, the additional data to be added to a corresponding sensed image of the first format.

15. (Original) The image sensing apparatus according to claim 13, wherein erasure of the sensed image is performed in accordance with a capacity of said recording medium.

16. (Currently Amended) The image sensing apparatus according to claim [[1]] 42, wherein the controller rejects the format change instruction when the capacity of said recording medium is less than a predetermined amount.

17. (Currently Amended) The image sensing apparatus according to claim [[1]] 42, wherein the predetermined period is a period until a next image sensing instruction is issued.

18. (Currently Amended) The image sensing apparatus according to claim [[1]] 42, wherein the predetermined period is a period when the sensed image is displayed on a display.

19. (Currently Amended) The image sensing apparatus according to claim [[1]] 42, wherein the predetermined period is a period when electric power is supplied to the image sensing apparatus.

20. (Currently Amended) The image sensing apparatus according to claim [[1]] 42, wherein the first format is a lossy compression format and the second format is a lossless compression format.

21. (Currently Amended) [[An]] The image recording method according to claim 43, wherein ~~comprising:~~

~~performing image sensing in response to an inputted image sensing instruction; and~~

~~recording on a~~ erasing from said recording medium [[a]] the sensed image in ~~a first format instead of a~~ the second format~~, different from the first format, which is designated in advance~~ in response to the designation of the format change instruction when [[a]] the format change instruction is designated by [[a]] the user within a predetermined period after sensing the image.

22. (Currently Amended) The image recording method according to claim [[21]] 43, wherein the first format is a lossless compression format and the second format is a lossy compression format.

23. (Currently Amended) The image recording method according to claim [[21]] 43 further comprising storing in a memory a sensed image in the first format at least until the format change instruction is designated.

24. (Currently Amended) The image recording method according to claim [[21]] 43, wherein, upon recording the sensed image in the first format, the latest image data of the first format stored in the memory is recorded onto the recording medium in response to the format change instruction.

25. (Currently Amended) The image recording method according to claim [[21]] 43, wherein the format change instruction is invalidated while an image sensing operation is in progress in response to the image sensing instruction.

26. (Currently Amended) The image recording method according to claim [[21]] 43 further comprising displaying on a display unit at least one operation status of "Start recording", "Recording", and "Recorded" when recording the sensed image of the first format onto the recording medium.

27. (Currently Amended) The image recording method according to claim [[21]] 43, further comprising:

managing at least one of information indicating whether or not there is any sensed image of the first format which has not been recorded onto the recording medium and information

indicating whether or not each sensed image of the first format has been recorded onto the recording medium; and

updating the information when a sensed image of the first format is recorded onto the recording medium in response to the format change instruction.

28. (Original) The image recording method according to claim 27 further comprising:

determining whether or not there is any sensed image of the first format recordable onto the recording medium based on the information when the format change instruction is inputted; and

preventing a sensed image of the first format from being recorded onto the recording medium when it is determined that there is no recordable sensed image of the first format.

29. (Original) The image recording method according to claim 28 further comprising, when preventing recording onto the recording medium, notifying the information.

30. (Currently Amended) The image recording method according to claim [[21]] 43, wherein the format change instruction is rejected in a case where the second format is a lossless compression format.

31. (Currently Amended) The image recording method according to claim [[21]] 43 further comprising automatically issuing the format change instruction when at least one of a level drop of a power source supplying power to the image recording method and an operation error in the image recording method is detected.

32. (Currently Amended) The image recording method according to claim [[21]] 43, wherein a sensed image is recorded in the second format on the recording medium until at least the format change instruction is issued.

33. (Original) The image recording method according to claim 32 further comprising erasing the sensed image of the second format from the recording medium after the format change instruction is issued.

34. (Original) The image recording method according to claim 33 further comprising, when additional data is added to the sensed image of the second format to be erased, adding the additional data to a corresponding sensed image of the first format.

35. (Original) The image recording method according to claim 33, wherein erasure of the sensed image is performed in accordance with a capacity of the recording medium.

36. (Currently Amended) The image recording method according to claim [[21]] 43, wherein the format change instruction is rejected when the capacity of the recording medium is less than a predetermined amount.

37. (Currently Amended) The image recording method according to claim [[21]] 43, wherein the predetermined period is a period until a next image sensing instruction is issued.

38. (Currently Amended) The image recording method according to claim [[21]] 43, wherein the predetermined period is a period when the sensed image is displayed on a display.

39. (Currently Amended) The image recording method according to claim [[21]] 43, wherein the predetermined period is a period when electric power is supplied to the image recording method.

40. (Currently Amended) The image recording method according to claim [[21]] 43, wherein the first format is a lossy compression format and the second format is a lossless compression format.

41. (Canceled).

42. (Currently Amended) An image sensing apparatus comprising:

an image sensor that performs image sensing in response to an inputted image sensing instruction;

a recording ~~medium~~ unit that ~~stores~~ records a sensed image on a recording medium; and

a controller that controls to record on said recording medium the sensed image in a first format in addition to the same sensed image in a second format, different from the first format, which is designated in advance, in response to a designation of a format change instruction which is different from said image sensing instruction when [[a]] the format change instruction is designated by a user within a predetermined period after sensing the image.

43. (Currently Amended) An image recording method comprising:

performing image sensing in response to an inputted image sensing instruction; and

recording on [[said]] a recording medium the sensed image in a first format in addition to the same sensed image in a second format, different from the first format, which is designated in advance, in response to a designation of a format change instruction which is different from said image sensing instruction when [[a]] the format change instruction is designated by a user within a predetermined period after sensing the image.

44. (Currently Amended) A storage medium readable by a data processing apparatus, said storage medium storing a program which is executable by the data processing apparatus and comprises program codes realizing the image recording method described in claim [[42]] 43.